



Ocoee to host Central Florida Film Festival Labor Day Weekend

Did you know that hundreds of actors, producers and directors converge on Ocoee each year to showcase their work? The city of Ocoee is proud to host the Central Florida Film Festival (CENFLO) where up and coming and veteran film makers present their best work.

CENFLO will screen more than 70 films at West Orange 5 Cinemas on September 2-5. Film attendees will see Indie feature films, shorts and documentaries. The film festival attracts industry professionals from across the country and as far away as England. "Those who attend our festival are treated to an excellent Labor Day weekend. Films, seminars, and an awards show to inspire film makers," said Bob Cook, CENFLO executive director. "We love Ocoee and are excited to screen in a beautiful movie theater which gives our film makers a feeling of accomplishment and valuable exposure."

The public is invited to attend the Central Florida Film Festival.

For ticket information, visit www.CentralFloridaFilmFestival.com.



Actor Glenn Morshower, best known for playing Secret Service Agent Aaron Pierce on the Fox action thriller drama series *24*, will present his "The Extra Mile" performances at the West Orange 5 Cinemas during the Central Florida Film Festival. Morshower's "The Extra Mile" is a combination of motivation speaking, story telling, dramatic and comedic performance, acting instruction, and life coaching. For information, visit www.CentralFloridaFilmFestival.com

New E-Permit:

Spend time "on line...not in line"

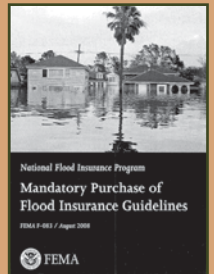
City launches new permitting system, first of its kind in Central Florida

Getting a permit just got a lot easier. From the comfort of your home or office, you can now apply for a City of Ocoee permit with the click of a button. E-permit, the city's new on line permitting system, is the first of its kind in Central Florida. It is part of the city's continued efforts to provide outstanding services to its citizens. Check out the new E-Permit at www.ocoee.org



Free flood insurance books

You may be wondering if you need flood insurance. You might have a flood insurance policy and want to know if you really need it. Ocoee residents can get the answers to these questions and more by obtaining their free copies of *Answers to Questions about the NFIP and Mandatory Purchase of Flood Insurance Guidelines*.



The informative booklets are published by FEMA/NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) to assist property owners in determining if they need to purchase flood insurance for their property and contents. Residents are encouraged to stop by city hall, 150 North Lakeshore Drive, to pick up their free booklets. For information, call 407-905-3104.

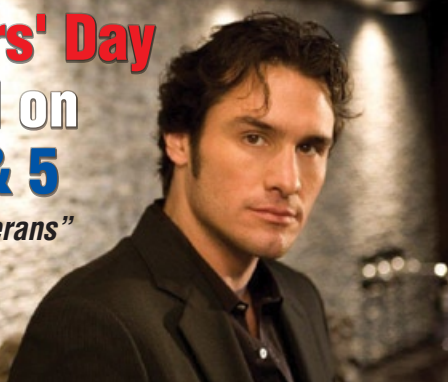
Fiesta de Colores on Sept. 17

Tickle your tastebuds with Latin cuisine at the 2nd Annual Fiesta de Colores presented by the City of Ocoee's Human Relations Diversity Board. The Fiesta will be held in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). The free event will offer Latin cuisine, salsa dancing, vendors, Fiesta Party Dance Off, bounce house, face painting, door prizes and much more for the family! Mark your calendars for Sat., September 17, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Bill Breeze Park.



Founders' Day Festival on Nov. 4 & 5

"A Salute to Veterans"



Joe Nichols will headline the Founders' Day free concerts.

Some of the biggest names in country music will take the stage at Ocoee's 18th Annual Founders' Day Festival. The City will present a special "Salute to Veterans" during this year's Founders' Day festivities. Headliner Joe Nichols will perform on Sat., November 5. His albums have produced fourteen Top 40 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including the Number One single "Brokenheartsville." Country great Sammy Kershaw will perform on Fri., November 4. Several other artists including Daryle Singletary and Aaron Tippin will entertain the crowd at Central Florida's biggest country music festival. Families are encouraged to come out and enjoy great food, carnival rides, Poker Run, Chick-fil-A 5K and Kids Fun Run, fishing tournament, classic car show, Marketplace arts 'n crafts and a spectacular fireworks show! Visit www.ocoefoundersfestival.org.



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A Word from the Mayor

At press time, we are in the midst of a very dry season. I would like to take this opportunity to share these wildfire safety precautions provided by the Ocoee Fire Department.

Stay safe...
mayor.scott



wildfires burning approximately 115,583 acres throughout the state. To date, Orange County and the City of Ocoee have not suffered any major wildfires.

Ocoee residents and visitors should still take extra precautions to prevent wildfires and limit the potential impact of wildfires on our city and the surrounding community.

Some recommended precautions are:

- Refrain from open burning other than in approved outdoor BBQ grills. When using grills assure they are being used per manufacturer's recommendations.
- Completely extinguish cigarettes and other smoking materials and discard in appropriate container.
- Maintaining a lean, clean, and green landscape within 30 feet of a structure can make a significant difference in whether it survives a wildfire. The important thing is that the action must be taken before a wildfire threatens.
- Lean - small amount of flammable vegetation
- Clean - no accumulations of dead vegetation
- Green - plants are healthy and green, lawn is well irrigated
- Do not drive or park vehicles in tall grass or brush areas. Hot vehicle exhaust from catalytic converters can start fires.
- Report any signs of fire immediately by calling 911

For more information call the Ocoee Fire Department at 407-905-3140.

Wildfire safety precautions for Ocoee Residents.

In response to Governor Rick Scott's June 13th Declaration of a State of Emergency due to wildfires, Governor Scott issued Executive Order 11-128, regarding the declaration of a State of Emergency due to the ongoing danger of wildfires and drought conditions that continue to threaten the state of Florida. This order ensures state, regional, and local governments can take necessary actions to protect the lives and property of the people in threatened communities.

Much of Florida, including the Florida Panhandle, Northeast Florida, East Central Florida, and South Florida are currently experiencing significant drought conditions. As a result the Florida Division of Forestry advised on June 13th that there were approximately 310 active



Farmer's Market Every Friday

Commissioner
Rosemary Wilsen,
District 2

Back in September, we embarked on an exciting new venture. The City Commission voted to start a Farmer's Market, our first-ever in Ocoee. The market is held every Friday, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Our goal is to provide local vendors with a venue to sell their products, and to provide a convenient place in Ocoee for our citizens to pick up fresh fruits and vegetables.

Some of you may have seen me at various locations in the city, holding a Farmer's Market sign to promote the market to passing motorists. (See photo above) We are committed to ensuring the Farmer's Market is a success. We want it to be a place where residents come to pick up a tomato or two. And, we envision the market becoming a social gathering as well where residents shop, talk and have dinner.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the market, I encourage you to stop by. You'll find a wide assortment of items including bread, jellies and jams, plants, sauces, organic meats, nuts and other specialty items. We have a bounce house set up for the children, and after the market you can stay and watch a movie under the stars at our Movie in the Park. Visit our web site at www.ocoe.org for more information.



City Hall marquee toppled to make way for new sign



Out with the old, in with the new. It took only a few seconds for a demolition crew to knock down the landmark City Hall marquee on Bluford Avenue. A new, attractive brick sign (pictured in the foreground) now welcomes visitors to City Hall. The demolition is all part of a City Hall Campus Access Improvement Project. Visitors can look forward to additional sidewalks and repaved roads for safer pedestrian and vehicle access to the City Hall area. Also included in the \$375,000 project are enhancements to Bill Breeze Park's outdoor event facilities to accommodate more weddings, receptions and other special events. Construction crews will also relocate and protect shade trees along Lakeshore Drive and install new electrical services to support the Farmers' Market Every Friday, Movies in the Park, Founders' Day Festival, and other special events held in Bill Breeze Park. Work is scheduled for completion in early August

Calendar of Events Summer/Fall 2011

Farmer's Market

Every Friday
3:00pm – 8:00pm
Bill Breeze Park

Family Aquatic Center Open

1820 A.D. Mims Road

Historical Withers-Maguire

House Tours
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saturdays & Sundays

August 12

Movie in the Park at Farmer's Market

"Rio"
8:30pm
Bill Breeze Park

September 2-5

Central Florida Film Festival

West Orange 5 Cinemas

September 3

Ocoee Police Community Picnic

10:30am – 2:30pm
Palm Park

September 5

Labor Day

City Hall Closed
No Trash Collection

September 9

Movie in the Park at Farmer's Market

"Gnomeo and Juliet"
8:30pm
Bill Breeze Park

September 17

Fiesta de Colores

11:30am – 4:30pm
Bill Breeze Park

October 27, 28, 29

Haunted House

7:00pm – 11:00pm
951 Ocoee Apopka Road

November 1

Most Valuable Partnership Grant

Applications Available
Deadline to submit applications is Nov. 30

November 4 & 5

18th Annual Founders' Day Festival

Bill Breeze Park

November 11

Veterans Day Ceremony

11:00am
Bill Breeze Park

November 24

Thanksgiving Day

City Hall Closed
No Trash Collection

November 25

City Hall Closed

December 3

Ocoee Christmas Parade

10:00am

December 23

City Hall Closed

December 25

Christmas Day

December 26

City Hall Closed

Visit www.ocoe.org or call 407-905-3100 for more information on the Calendar of Events.